Phosphates Ltd., which they collected from workers and received from Paradip Phosphates Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the names of these firms and total defaulted money by them separately alongwith the interest: and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to take for an early realisation of this money and punishment to the defaulting parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is bring collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant posts of presiding officer of CGIT,. Jabalpur

3604. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an additional post of Presiding Officer of Central Government Industrial Tribunal was sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh:

(a) if so, what are the reasons for the post lying vacant till now;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the post of Presiding Officer, CGIT, Jabalpur is lying vacant since last one year:

(d) the number of cases pending before the CGIT, Jabalpur; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that repeated representations were made to fill up the post of Presiding Officer, CGIT, Jabalpur, by various trade unions and Advocates, if so, the details in this regard alongwith the reasons for not filling up and also the steps taken to fill up the vacancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The post is vacant from 5.9-92.

(d) 1062 industrial disputes and 2100 applications were pending with CGIT-cum-Labour Court, Jabalpur as on 30.06-1993.

(e) A number of representations have been received from various quarters from time to time for filling up the post expeditiously. Necessary steps as per the procedure have already been taken to fill up the post at the earliest.

Unemployed B. Tech. Engineers

3605. SHR MATANG SING: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of B. Tech. engineers who are unemployed at present;

(b) what are the names of the Public Sector Undertakings in which those Engineers can be absorbed; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the employment of these engineers in other sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information on the number of unemployed B. Tech. engineers is not available. However, the number of engineering graduates (including postgraduates) who were on the live register of employment exchanges, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, as on 30-6.1991 was 116.8 thousands.

Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan

emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth of sectors, subsectors and areas which have relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically and crop wise diversified agricultural growth, development of wasteland and forestry, development of rural non-farm sector and rural infrastructure, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing and expansion of housing, are the basic elements of the employment oriented growth strategy envisaged is the plan. The various measures envisaged are expected to benefit the unemployed engineering graduates including B. Tech. degree holders as well.

Office of protector of emigrants at Hyderabad

3606. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many offices of Protector of Emigrants have been set up and the places where they are functioning;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up one office of Protector of Emigrants at Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Seven offices of Protectors of Emigrants are functioning in Delhi, Bombay, Chandigarh, Calcutta, Cochin, Trivandrum and Madras.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) It is considered not necessary or the present to set up an office of Protector of Emigrants at Hyderabad.

Proposal submitted by SACCS on prevention of Child Labour

3607. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India dated June 5, 1993 to the effect that the South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude (SACCS) has expressed shock on the Government move in discussing the proposals for protecting child labour against exploitation and their employment in hazardous jobs, with the industrialists employing them in such jobs themselves;

(b) if so, whether SACCS has submitted any proposals for prevention and regulation of such child laboud, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to discuss plans for preventing exploitation of child labour and their employment in hazardous job with various national and international organisation engaged in the field, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Government is aware of a report in Times of India dated 5th July, 1993.

(b) SACCS has suggested to include glass & bangle industries in the Schedule of prohibited employments, set up Task Force separately for carpet & glass industries and to set up a National Commission on child labour.

(c) Child labour is a socio-economic problem and the issue has been discussed with NGOs, Trde Unions,